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 Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SE Paper No./Mail Date 6/18/04) 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 	Paper No./Mail Da 3/08), 7. ⊠ Examiner's Amend	(PTO-413), te <u>7/7/04</u> . ment/Comment	/ lowance schi

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Neil R. Jetter on 7/7/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, after "(CMP)", insert -- of a copper or silver containing film--.

Claim 1, line 3, cancel "a halogen comprising salt" and insert --a chlorine, bromine or iodine salt--.

Claim 1, line 4, after "F₂", insert --for reacting with said copper or silver film to form a soft layer on a surface of said film, said soft layer having a hardness less than said copper or silver film--.

Claim 7, line 3, cancel "[KIO₃,].

Cancel claim 14.

Cancel claim 15.

Cancel claim 19.

Claim 33, line 1, after "(CMP)", insert -- of a copper or silver containing film--.

Claim 33, line 5, cancel "<9" and insert --2 to 9--.

Claim 33, line 5, after "pH of...,", insert --for reacting with said copper or silver film to form a soft layer on a surface of said film, said soft layer having a hardness less than said copper or silver film--.

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Cancel claim 34.

Cancel claim 35.

Claim 37, lines 1-2, cancel "a halogen comprising salt" and insert --a chlorine, bromine or iodine salt--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention is novel over the prior art of record because said art <u>fails</u> to teach or suggest a slurry for CMP of a copper or silver containing film which comprises the claimed specific combination of components and wherein said slurry reacts with said copper or silver film to form a soft layer on a surface of said film, said soft layer having a hardness less than said copper or silver film. The new reference on the 892 (6,730,592 (Vaartstra)) is being cited but in view of the 131 declaration submitted on 6/18/04, which establishes that the instant invention was reduced to practice before the filing date (12/21/01) of the above reference. Finally, although pre-publication 20040043702 claims similar subject matter, according to MPEP 804 section IB, if the only rejection remaining is a provisional ODP rejection, said rejection can be withdrawn and the application passed to issue. In view of this, since a provisional ODP rejection is <u>not</u> being made.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael A Marcheschi whose telephone number is (571) 272-1374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-5:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L Bell can be reached on (571) 272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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